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RECEPTOR PROTEINS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment (1 pg); and,
2. Return Post Card.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 22058-516DIV CON. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

***In the Specification:***

On page 1, please insert the following on line 2, after the title:

**-- RELATED APPLICATION**

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This application is a continuing application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of U.S.S.N. 09/151,102 filed 09/10/1998 PAT 6,274,547 which is a division of U.S.S.N. 08/929,846 filed 09/15/1997 which is a division of U.S.S.N. 08/663,584 filed 06/14/1996, which <sup>is a C-1-Pat</sup> ~~claims priority to~~ 08/362,304 filed 12/22/1994, <sup>now abandoned</sup> incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. --

No new matter has been added by this amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No 50-0311 (Reference No. 22058-516-DIV CON).

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